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MEMORANDUM FOR:

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Questions in Preparation for Presidential
Briefing on Civil Defense

1. In the NID on 22 November, there was a brief on the civil defense study. One of the charts therein shows population growth and shelter capacity growth. There are dotted lines to show "Additional Capacity Needed to Avoid Increase in Evacuees." I don't understand that title. In short, it implies that if they follow the dotted line instead of the solid line they will be able to put any increment in the population into shelters rather than into evacuation. Is that what is intended?

2. There's another chart showing the capacity in 15 Soviet cities. Only four of them have shelters for more than ten percent of the population if you work on the one square meter standard. These are Kiev, Riga, Naberezhnyye Chelny, and Liepaja. Do these four cities with much larger percentages appear to have anything at all in common, either their population, their industrial nature, being seaports?

3. On both of these charts and others, one of the major factors of indecision is whether it takes a square meter or half a square meter to shelter an individual. I'd like to know what figure we used in the last estimate on civil defense, when we changed, what the reason is for a change, and what are the pros and cons of one or a half square meter?

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